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## REVIEW: The Application of

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For: SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED  
METHOD FOR THE SYNCHRONI-  
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MULTIPLEXED PAYLOADS OVER  
A TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to taking up the above-identified patent application for action on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

### **In the Specification**

Before the Field of the Invention, insert the following:

~~RELATED APPLICATION~~

This application is a continuation of application Ser. No. 09/017,131, entitled  
**"SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED METHOD FOR THE SYNCHRONIZATION AND  
CONTROL OF MULTIPLEXED PAYLOADS OVER A TELECOMMUNICATIONS**